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TO CULTIVATE BRITISH PARKS

The Plan of Premier Lloyd George Is Very Important.

SEIZURE OF 13,000 ACRES

THAT HAD BEEN PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED.

The Game Preserve of the Idle Rich is Doomed to Modification, If Not to Extinction.

News that Premier Lloyd George has made plans for the compulsory use of parks and other wild property in Great Britain for the growing of foodstuffs marks a step in the British food campaign that is of greater importance than the brevity of the announcements would indicate. The first move, according to London newspapers, has been the seizure of 13,000 acres, privately owned, with the command that it shall be open to any applicant, on payment of a nominal fee, for purpose of cultivation. The applicant presumably is required to show good faith and ability to make good on the farm. The land is to be divided into tracts of about ten rods, or two and one-half acres, each.

This has been followed, according to the cable news, by a more sweeping order, judging from the fact that Richmond and Busby parks, near the Thames and in the fashionable south-west district of London, have been included in a new order of seizure. Richmond Park contains 2,255 acres and is a favorite summer resort, with a history. Charles I. ordered in 1637 that it be enclosed and used as a hunting park. Busby Park is only 1,000 acres in extent, but it contains numerous horse chestnut trees said to have been planted by William III. It is not likely that these trees will be destroyed, but the chances of the later news lies in the proximity of the properties to the heart of London. It has long been a point upon which Britain's critics reproached her that almost within halting distance of the notorious slums there existed great areas given up to the sports of the privileged classes.

All this is to be changed under the pressure of war, and some predict that the old order, for various reasons, never will return. For one thing, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to restore a semblance of the former wildness to the land, and for another it is thought that the economic value of the new system will be so clearly manifest that few will care to abandon it.

The high respect for property which is a characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon people is exhibited even in the temporary confiscation of this land, under the grave necessity of war. The land does not become the property of the user, but it is provided that he shall have title to the improved area. At the close of the war the original owner may redeem his property by paying for these improvements at a fair valuation. It is easily conceivable, also, that he will find it in his productive capacity to improve himself in themselves offering some incentive for taking that direction. It would seem that the game preserve, together with the idea, ingrained in some Britishers, that game preservation is a higher duty than the raising of food for the people, is doomed to modification, if not to extinction. The idea must not be confused, however, with any vandal plan to tear up the beauty spots of the country for purely materialistic purposes. London's great parks and the breathing places of the people are to be preserved as they are now. The new order is aimed chiefly at the hunting preserves and the unused areas which are put to no utilitarian use. The addition to the arable area of the British Isles will be very great, and it will serve in large measure not only to meet the pressing food situation while the war is going on, but to furnish needed homes for the men of the returning armies after peace is declared.

Why They Are Called "Poisu."
A French officer writing for the Atlantic Monthly denies that there is any basis of truth for the common belief of foreigners as to the meaning of the name "poilu," so often applied to the soldiers of France in this war. Of course the word does carry the significance of "hairy." That much everybody who is even a little familiar with the French language knows, but the leap taken by so many to the assumption that the French soldiers are called "poilus" because, unlike the British Tommies, they do not shave, is declared by this presumably good authority to be one made in an amusingly wrong direction. "Poilu," he says, as applied to soldiers, is an old word, dating back to the days of Napoleon, when certain regiments of guards wore huge hats of heavy fur. It was the hats, not the men, that were hairy, and, as these guards were picked troops, notably well trained and courageous, the name in those times came to mean a good soldier. And that, the writer of the Atlantic Monthly article says, is what it means now, with no reference to whether the soldiers let their beards grow or do not. He does not say that as many of the French soldiers as of the British shave every day, but he insists that they suffer as much as any soldiers could from the frequent inability to keep up a neat and clean appearance which trench warfare involves.

The Toronto Messenger:—Shorn of heroes of any kind it is yet a tale of intense interest and one that gives a singularly clear idea of the chaplain's duties at the front that Capt. the Rev. Dr. Thurlow Fraser related to The News.

WOODEN SHIPS COME BACK.

Wind-jammers Are Recalled From Beach Graveyards.

Through all the centuries of history until the last the world went to sea in ships of wood, says the Syracuse Standard. Then, after the battle of Monitor and Merrimac, iron supplanted wood. Later, steel supplanted iron, and gradually our shipyards from Maine to Florida, where the American clippers which were the pride of the maritime world had been built, became abandoned. All along the New England coast lie the skeletons of old ships—schooners, barques, full-rigged vessels, cast up on the beach graveyard because competition was too great. The shortage in tonnage brought about by the war is bringing the old wind-jammer into her own again, and small vessels almost forgotten where they lay are in commission once more. New vessels are being completed as rapidly as possible. Maine ports are doing business as in the old times.

Conditions have also given rise to a new plan. It is proposed that the United States build a thousand little wooden boats of a thousand tons each. The cost, we are told, would be about \$100,000,000. Driven by motors, this fleet could easily dodge submarines. Their draft would be so small that a torpedo would pass beneath them, and their size would aid in escaping unwelcome attention from sea pirates.

America may go to sea again in the wooden boat.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

The Whig gladly welcomes letters from any of its readers in regard to questions of public interest. In fact, we wish we had more of them for many good ideas are evolved this way. However, the publishing of letters anonymously or over an assumed name frequently leads to trouble. The man who signs his name to an article takes the responsibility for its publication, and will be more careful in what he writes than the one who can hide behind a non descript name. For this reason the Whig has decided to discontinue the practice of publishing letters other than those signed by the correct name of the writer.

GIRL-GUIDES INCREASE.

Movement Spreads to United States and Overseas.

At the annual report of the British "Girl Guides" Council the report for 1916 disclosed the fact that the movement is rapidly spreading throughout the United Kingdom and overseas. It numbers already 50,000 girls between 11 and 18 and 2,450 "Brownies" between 8 and 11. The war work done by the girls includes the provision and maintenance of a recreation hut for soldiers in France, and the equipment of numerous hotels, or first-aid dressing stations at different centres for dealing with injuries received through Zeppelin raids or accidents. Besides assisting as orderlies at Red Cross hospitals, Government offices and munition works and supplying comforts to men at the front, 3,700 guides have during the year won the War Service badge. No fewer than five guides have during the year been awarded the medal for saving life at risk of their own lives, one notable instance being when a guide dived to the rescue of a drowning boy while a crowd of citizens were hesitating on the bank.

DIED AT CAMPBELLFORD.

James Waters, Former Dry Goods Merchant, Dead.
Campbellford, April 17.—James Waters, a veteran of the Fenian raid, and a former dry goods merchant of Belleville, died on Friday in Campbellford, where he had been residing for many years. He was in ill-health for a long time. Two brothers live in this city, Messrs. D. M. Waters and David Waters. The remains will be brought here for interment.

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Poor Butterfly (Hippodrome), Broken Doll, It's a Cute Little Way of My Own (Follow Me), Words Are Not Needed (Oh Boy), I Never Knew (Canary Cottage, So Long Letty (So Long Letty), Chin-Chin Open Your Heart (Hip-Hip-Hooray), When the Sun Goes Down in Romany (Step This Way), Yaaka Hula.
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This will all be answered in four episodes in the sequel to the "Diamond from the Sky" commencing at the King Edward, to-night and Thursday.
Two more Picton Gays have joined the Cobourgs Heavy Battery, viz., Kenneth Wood, son of Rev. W. J. Wood, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and Gerald Whittam, son of Thomas Whittam. These young men have been in attendance at Colliate.
Rev. J. Currie, pastor of the Baptist church, Perth, has been confined to bed since Friday from the effects of an accident sustained the previous Monday, when he had his ankle wrenched.
Ira D. Vandewater, son of Mrs. D. Vandewater, of Nanapan, has been appointed Justice of the Peace in the Pouce Coupe district, Peace River Block, British Columbia.

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